

# Sports

## A&M's 9th-inning charge falls short versus No. 1 OSU

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It won't go down in the record books as a victory, but some might call Texas A&M's 14-11 Monday night loss to Oklahoma State University somewhat of a moral victory.

Down 14-7 going in to the top of the ninth inning, the Aggies scored four runs against the No. 1-ranked Cowboys to draw within a three-run homer of tying the game. But OSU's top reliever, senior Marv Rockman, struck out second baseman Terry Taylor and first baseman Jim Neumann to close the door on the No. 10-ranked Aggies.

It wasn't a bad outing for the Aggies, who fell to 36-14-1 on the season, especially considering that the Cowboys have gone 78-7 in their last 85 outings, have a team batting average of almost

.350 and have hit home runs in 29 of their last 33 games.

OSU continued that trend Monday by hitting four round-trippers off two of the Aggies' four pitchers. Starter Scott Centala, whose record drops to 6-3 on the season, gave up a first-inning homer to shortstop Monty Farris, and reliever Pat Wernig was tagged for one homer in the fourth and two in the fifth.

The Aggies, however, struck the first blow of the game on a first-inning home run of their own. Third baseman Scott Livingstone took an 0-2 pitch off of winning pitcher Pat Hope and belted it over the left-field fence for a 1-0 Aggie lead. The homer was Livingstone's 13th of the season.

It didn't take long for the Cowboys to strike back, though. In the bottom of the first, OSU used three hits, two walks and a sacrifice to score four runs of its own.

Although Centala pitched a steady game, the Cowboys capitalized on every mistake he made.

In the second inning, following two more Aggie runs, Centala gave up a double to center fielder Anthony Blackmon (4-for-5 on the night), a single to left fielder Ray Ortiz (2-for-3), a walk to third baseman Robin Ventura and two consecutive singles as OSU ran the score up to 6-3.

All of the Cowboy starters had at least one hit on the evening. Four of them had two or more hits.

The Aggies were led by Livingstone's four RBI, a Jim Neumann second-inning home run and Maury Martin's two RBI — both on OSU errors. Daron Dacus also had two doubles on the evening.

A&M's next opponent will be No. 2 Texas in a three-game series this weekend at Olsen Field.

## Goldfine, Vos successful despite differences in styles, personalities

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What could a finance major from Hollywood, Fla. and an economics major from Amsterdam, Holland possibly have in common?

Well, both are seniors. Both plan to graduate, although they will both take five years to do so.

And they both play tennis. In fact, they compose the No. 1 doubles pair on the Texas A&M men's tennis team and are ranked No. 26 in the nation.

And Wednesday at the Omar Smith Tennis Center, against the University of Texas, Marcel Vos and Dean Goldfine will be playing their final home match for the Aggies.

Vos, who has settled into the No. 1 singles slot, is 17-5 this year. No. 2-ranked Goldfine is 15-7.

But they really make waves as a team. Together this spring, they are 11-3 in doubles play. Combined with a strong fall season, the tandem is 27-5 this year.

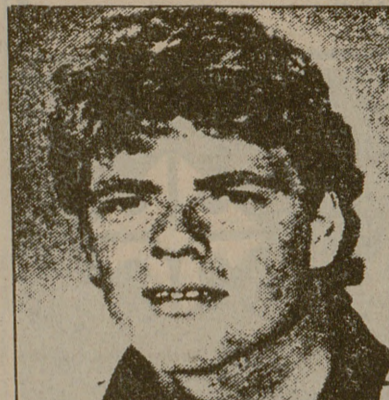
They seem to bring out the best in each other. Playing on the same team for four years has made it second nature for each to anticipate the others' actions on the court. Vos' flamboyant style at the net and Goldfine's steady shot-making have resulted in wins all year.

The styles are reflected in their off-court actions. Vos, who grew up overseas, had a difficult time adjusting to American ways, particularly the way Americans tend not to speak their minds on touchy subjects.

"That's not the way I was raised," Vos said.

Goldfine says the team had a difficult time adjusting to Vos. After the first few weeks, the rest of the team had decided Vos was a snob since he hardly ever spoke to anyone. The real reason for Vos' quietness, however, was difficulty with the English language, not a lack of an outgoing personality.

When he learned how to speak the language, the team found out how outspoken Europeans can be. Vos developed a reputation for speaking his mind in any environ-



Dean Goldfine



Marcel Vos

ment, even to A&M Coach David Kent.

Vos relates the story of the tournament last year in Wichita Falls. After a tough match, when Vos was really upset with himself, Kent came over to gripe about Vos' play.

Vos says he told his partner before Kent ever got to him that he knew something was going to go wrong. When Kent started talking, Vos only got more and more upset.

So when Kent finally topped off his criticism with the seemingly-rhetorical question, "Don't you think you'd better go home?" Vos replied, "Yes — I want to go home!"

Vos said the stunned Kent asked the question three times, and the reply didn't change. True to his word, Vos ended up boarding a bus for College Station that night. When Kent returned with the team and went to talk to his player, the first thing he saw was Vos' dormitory-room floor littered with empty suitcases.

It would be completely out of character for Vos to have responded with "No, I want to stay and play tennis, Coach." Vos says he hates it when people ask questions to which they already know the answer, or think they know. And it's typical of Vos to respond in such situations by saying exactly what the querist does not expect.

Of course, the conflict was settled.

But Goldfine says the incident is a perfect example of Vos' outspoken attitude that sometimes takes his new countrymen by surprise and has earned Vos the nickname of "The Animal."

The Animal strikes on the court, too. Earlier this year against Pan American, the Aggies' opponents questioned an Aggie "out" call in much the same way the Aggies had protested a similarly close call on the other side of the net. Vos responded by yelling, "It was as far out as the other one was in." The partisan Aggie crowd erupted, and both are convinced the comment helped contribute to the easy Aggie win.

Goldfine says "outspokenness" is the biggest difference in the two players' personalities. The native Floridian says he is much more inclined to avoid saying what he means, when speaking out will result in a difficult situation.

Goldfine says both of them have become a little more like the other after spending practically every hour of the day together. When two people practice tennis together for three hours every day, then eat together, recreate together and go home to the same dorm room, habits and mannerisms start spreading.

And so do fights, of course, just like in any pair of roommates. But both say they remain at peace the majority of the time.

## Mantle listed in fair condition

IRVING (AP) — Baseball Hall of Famer Mickey Mantle was in fair condition Monday, after being hospitalized for chest pains, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Mantle's condition was upgraded from serious to fair early Monday, said Sharon Peters, spokeswoman for Irving Community Hospital. She said Mantle was in the intermediate coronary care unit.

The former New York Yankees' great released a brief statement through hospital officials.

"I'm tired, but I'm feeling fine," he said. Peters said Mantle indicated he would have no other comment.

Peters said Mantle is scheduled for cardiac catheterization Tuesday morning. She said the process is a diagnostic procedure which allows doctors to examine heart chambers

for any abnormalities that might exist.

Mantle, who lives in Dallas, experienced chest pain late Sunday while on a Delta Airlines flight bound for Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, said Ramona Bevir, a hospital spokeswoman.

She said doctors confirmed that Mantle did not suffer a heart attack.

Paramedics were called to meet the plane, Delta spokesman Jim Ewing said at the company's headquarters in Atlanta. Ewing said he could not give the origination point of the flight.

In December, Mantle ended his association with Del Webb's Claridge Hotel Casino at Atlantic City, N.J., where he was director of sports promotions, primarily handling public relations work and playing golf with casino customers.

Mantle, 55, was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1974.

Mantle broke in with the Yankees in 1951, replacing the great Joe DiMaggio in center field. He won the American League Triple Crown in 1956 with 52 home runs, 130 runs batted in and a .353 batting average. He won three Most Valuable Player Awards and four American League home run titles.

In 1961, Mantle and teammate Roger Maris made a strong run at former Yankee Babe Ruth's home run record of 60 in a season. The two were even until Mantle was struck with injuries in September, finishing with 54 homers to Maris' record 61.

After 536 regular-season home runs and a record 18 homers in World Series play, Mantle retired from baseball at age 37 in 1968.

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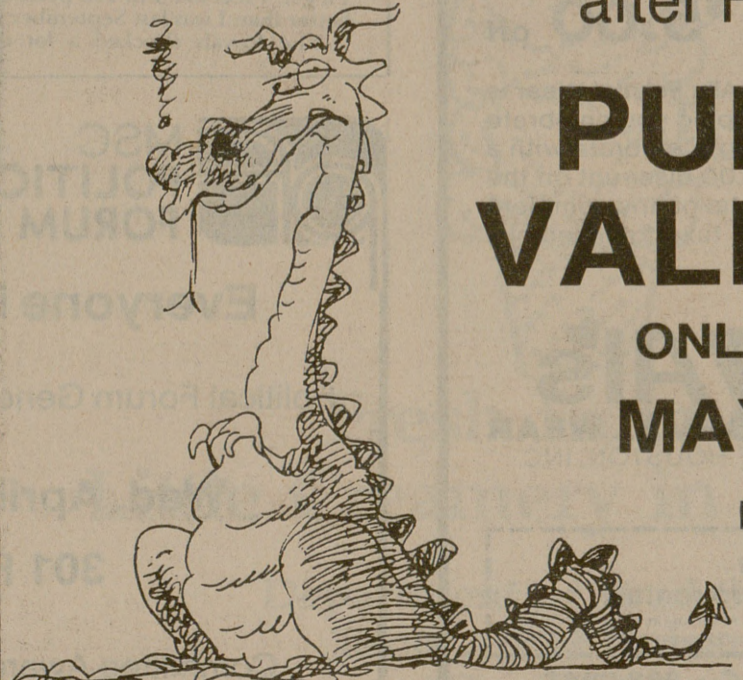
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